

"TAKEN FROM THE ENEMY."

The following is a translation of part of a speech delivered in Switzerland, November, 1876, by M. Edw. Favre-Perret, the chief Commissioner in the Swiss department and member of the International Jury on watches at the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia, and is worthy the attention of every good American.

"Gentlemen, here is what I have seen. I asked from the manager of the Waltham Company a watch of a certain quality. He opened before me a big chest. I picked out a watch at random and fixed it to my chain. The manager asked me to leave the watch with them for three or four days that they might regulate it. On the contrary, I said to him, I want to keep it just as it is to get an exact idea of your workmanship. On arriving at Locle I showed this watch to one of our first adjusters * * * who took it apart. At the end of several days he came to me and said literally: 'I am astonished; the result is incredible. You do not find a watch to compare with that in 50,000 of our make.' This watch, I repeat to you, gentlemen, I myself took offhand from a large number, as I have said. One can understand by this example how it is that an American watch should be preferred to a Swiss watch."

The watch movement M. Edw. Favre-Perret picked out at random was a "RIVERSIDE," and all that he said of it then, and a good deal more, is true to-day.

Do not be misled or persuaded into paying more for a Swiss watch which is not so good as a "WALTHAM."

Be sure that the name "Riverside" is engraved on the plate.

For sale by all retail jewelers.

NOT A LONG SESSION

Conditions Promise a Speedy Transaction of Business.

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS POSTPONED

Legislation Necessary for Government of Dependencies.

WORK OF THE COMMITTEES

It is expected by the congressional managers that the present session will be unusually short for the first of a Congress. It is not intended by the republican leaders that the session shall be dragged out unnecessarily, and the conditions promise to be favorable to the speedy transaction of such business as is intended to be disposed of. The present manner in which the House has taken hold and will dispose of the financial measure is indicative of the course contemplated with respect to all legislation mapped out for this session.

While many matters of great importance demand the attention of this Congress, present plans contemplate only the initiation of legislation with respect to most of them.

The Isthmian Canal.

The progress of the investigation ordered by the last Congress of the several proposed routes for an interoceanic canal is not such as to render possible legislation on that subject at this session. It was apparent at the last Congress that a majority of both houses was favorable to legislation at that time for the construction of the Nicaragua canal, but it was sidetracked by clever manipulation, and the authorization of a commission to examine into the merits of all routes proposed appears to have effectively blocked legislation for this session.

Conditions are not such as to warrant any comprehensive legislation at this session with reference to the Philippine Islands. It is deemed desirable for Congress to take any action whatever at this time as to the Philippines it will probably be in the nature of a simple resolution extending the power of the President in such manner as may be needed to enable him to restore order on the islands. Even this may not be deemed necessary if it is attempted to open up the whole controversy in Congress.

With these two vexing questions postponed much of the time-consuming contention of the session may be avoided.

Government of the Colony.

It is not anticipated that there will be much real opposition of the sort that leads to a prolonged fight over the legislation necessary to extend proper civil government by the United States over Hawaii and Porto Rico. The President, having taken the attitude he has with reference to the freedom of trade with those possessions and the United States ports the opposition in some quarters, based entirely on local interest, to the extension of our revenue laws to Porto Rico will probably not be at all effective. Any measure having remote reference to the new possessions will undoubtedly be made the basis and excuse for a great deal of political haranguing by the minority on the subject of imperialism, but there promise to be little real opposition to the legislation which will be proposed.

Subsidies for Ships.

The most troublesome question is likely to be that with reference to ship subsidy, to promote American commerce; and the next most troublesome, that with reference to the construction of a Pacific cable. The hostility which exists in Congress to ship subsidy is of a most bitter and determined character and not entirely paragon. Those opposed to the Hanna-Rayne proposition will likely fight it in every way they know how and with persistence; so that it is not impossible that this may be one of the measures that will go over to another session. The opposition will be a part of the general resistance of every step of progress of this government in the Philippines and the Pacific. The opposition to the cable being that it would bring us closer to the Philippines, which the anti-imperialists desire to remain inaccessible to the authority of this government.

The Appropriations.

The committees being announced before the Christmas holidays, those having pressing and important matters to consider will probably organize and get to work through subcommittees, during the holiday recess. It is expected that the appropriation committee will have an appropriation bill ready for the consideration of the House soon after Congress re-assembles at the close of the holidays, and it is part of the plan of procedure that the appropriation bills shall be prepared and disposed of as speedily as possible, so that none will be left hanging to the last as an excuse for prolonging the session.

Under this management, with a large majority in the Senate, the House will govern the House which can be invoked to prevent wanton waste of time, it is believed that the legislation designed to be had at this session will be accomplished with promptness which will enable an unusually early adjournment of the session.

Speaker Henderson indicates a disposition to treat the democrats in the House with generosity. He has stated his purpose to comply as far as possible with the requests of the minority, and has chosen spokesmen of the minority, as to the minority committee assignments, and will increase the democratic representation on all the important committees in some cases one, and in others two, above what it was in the Fifty-sixth Congress.

TO RELIEVE MONEY MARKET.

Proposed Issue of Treasury Notes to Holders of Bonds.

Representative Sibley of Pennsylvania has introduced a bill providing that any holder of United States bonds may deposit them in the treasury and receive 80 per cent of the sum of such bonds in treasury notes, with a certificate of deposit covering such bonds. The treasury notes are to be receivable the same as national bank notes. During the deposit of the bonds they shall not draw interest. They may be withdrawn on presentation of the certificate of deposit and notes equal to the amount deposited.

Other bills introduced: By Mr. Orout of Vermont, making oleomargarine subject to the laws of the states to which it is shipped and increasing the tax on oleomargarine colored to imitate butter to one cent per pound; by Mr. Wadsworth of New York, for reorganization of the weather bureau and the establishment of a system of appointment, promotion and retirement.

DRUGS AND TOILET ARTICLES.

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One can't be too careful in the selection of one's druggist. One of the best-known and most reputable drug stores in Washington is that of W. S. Thompson, 703 15th street. Whatever one buys there, whether it's medicine, articles for the toilet, a glass of soda water or a cup of hot chocolate, it is certain to be the best obtainable, and sold at a fair price.

Mr. Thompson is proprietor of a number of excellent preparations on the market, among which are "Lester's Dentifrice," "Thompson's Ointment," "Palm Oil Soap," "Thompson's Insect Powder," etc. He is also importer of an excellent quality of Lucca olive oil, which he sells at 30 cents full weight. Those looking for useful and desirable gifts for Christmas will find in Mr. Thompson's store all sorts of toilet articles of merit.

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ON DUTY IN PHILIPPINES.

Washington Boys Serving Uncle Sam at the Front.

The Star is in receipt of a communication from Sergeant Patrick Doudall of Battery E, 6th United States Artillery, now on duty in the Philippines, from which the following extracts are taken:

"MANILA, P. I., November 3, 1899.

"We are doing police duty in Manila at present. Our service is not the worst in the world, considering what others are doing. The rainy season is over now, and I think we will get a chance to distinguish ourselves as a light battery next week.

"Life in the Philippines is a trifle monotonous, so far as we are concerned. Our daily routine is set up in the morning at 5 o'clock, and lay around the quarters all day. Sometimes we take a trip about the city, and sometimes over to the bay to see the boats and at evening we take a walk over to the Luneta to hear the band play a few old familiar tunes, which remind us of home. At 8:30 p.m. everybody has to be in off the streets or produce a pass signed by a general officer.

"Speaking of our regiment doing police duty, I do not mean the whole outfit, for our two light batteries have done a considerable lot of work. L Battery was turned out on a light battery last week. The first two days out on the trip across the ocean the waves came all over the decks and made us very uncomfortable. We had a fine voyage all the way to Manila from Honolulu.

"Some of the boys here are very treacherous. They would sneak up on a man at night and cut him to pieces if they could. Some of them are very good fellows, and we are doing great work, capturing plenty of guns and ammunition and prisoners from the enemy. They are bitter enemies of the United States, and they are doing splendid work also, but they are afraid to go in the dark streets at night unless they have a soldier with them.

"We have quite a number of boys from Washington in our battery. They are First Sergeant Paul S. Evans, Corporal William Kennedy and N. Street. Southwest, Charles Hunt from Southwest Washington, Harry Wood from Georgetown, Charles Loudon from Brightwood, Burton DeVaughn from Southwest Washington, Ben Linkins from Northwest Washington, and Tom Angley.

"We have also met some others here in the 2d Cavalry: Howard Rhodes, son of Policeman Rhodes; Joe Weston from Brightwood, John Dolan from Soldiers' Home and Thomas Hulse from Northeast Washington. They are all out on the firing line now."

The Spanish Method in Louisiana.

To the Editor of The Evening Star:

As it may be suggestive as well as instructive to American officers and administrators in our new possessions, I send you copy of the proclamation of Don Alexandre O'Reilly, when the Spanish assumed control in the territory of Orleans (Louisiana), in 1769.

"And whereas the want of lawyers in this country, and the little information these new subjects have of the laws of Spain, may render their faithful observance very difficult, which would be entirely contrary to the intention of his majesty, we have thought it useful and necessary, to cause an abstract of these laws to be formed, in order to serve for the instruction of the public, and elementary rules for the administration of justice, and municipal government of the city, until the knowledge of the Spanish language can be introduced, and thereby afford to every one, by the reading of these laws, the means of extending their information in that matter, and therefore, and in order to good pleasure of his majesty, we do order and command, that all judges, cabildos and their officers, do comply punctually with that which is prescribed in the following articles. (Here follow the ordinance establishing the new government, and their powers, all terminating with this substance: 'and in reference to the best methods of charity work.' See the direction of the society.)

LIST OF PROMOTIONS.

A Resignation Makes Way for Several Advancements.

The District Commissioners have accepted the resignation of Mr. Wm. P. Walker, a clerk in the special assessment division, whose salary was \$1,200 per annum, and have promoted Miss Lydia Marshall to fill the vacancy. Miss Marshall was a clerk at \$1,000 on the rolls of the assessor's office, although detailed for duty in the executive office. To fill the position vacated by her promotion the Commissioners have promoted

Twenty Years Sick—Then Wine of Cardui.

Landersville, Ala., Feb. 28, 1899.

I suffered from female troubles for nearly twenty years, and when I commenced to take Wine of Cardui I was so bad off I could not do anything. It has greatly helped me. I am so thankful for what it has done. Many thought I had consumption and would never be better.

Mrs. N. C. PARKER.

Women who suffer month after month, with Wine of Cardui so easily obtainable, have themselves to blame for their pitiable condition. Why should you go through agony every month when you can be free from it? Doctors often tell women that "female troubles" will wear off, but Mrs. Parker's experience don't agree with that. She got worse year by year, until she came very close to the grave. All chances of regaining health were apparently gone. Who can doubt after reading this earnest letter that Wine of Cardui saved this good woman's life? Why should this life-sapping drain, nerve-racking pain, and mind-killing suffering go on? Wine of Cardui stops the drains of irregular menstruation, and relieves the pain caused by every kind of menstrual disorder. The other troubles known as "woman's ills," such as pains in the head, back, lower limbs, lower abdomen and a continual depressed feeling, are banished by Wine of Cardui. Now is the time for you to begin its use.

For advice in cases requiring special directions, address, giving symptoms, the "Ladies' Advisory Department," The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

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VOLUNTEER WORKERS.

Meeting of Those Interested in Methods of Associated Charities.

A meeting was held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock of volunteer workers and others interested in the Associated Charities at the central office of the society, 811 G street northwest. About thirty persons were present, principally ladies. Dr. Fred H. Wines, assistant director of the census, talked to those present about the spirit and inspiration of the modern movement in charity work. He gave it as his conclusion, after thirty years of experience in dealing with the unfortunate, that nothing but the power of love, exerted through personal touch, was effective in reforming and uplifting humanity. He explained how mere material relief, such as coal and groceries, while it did a little over a temporary crisis, will never serve to permanently improve the condition of the family. He said the trouble with the poor was not their poverty, but their ignorance of the laws of life; that they were unable to properly adjust themselves to their surroundings, and that the society was endeavoring to do more than relief. Such instruction could be given and helpful uplifting influence exerted only through actual personal contact and hence the importance of the work of the volunteer visitors of the Associated Charities.

Two of the District agents of the association were present and explained what in detail, the circumstances connected with particular families with which they were in common with the defendants, being related showed in many instances how the families had been permanently helped and bettered by personal influence and instruction, and on the other hand, they showed how thoughtless and indiscriminate charity had impoverished families.

The general secretary briefly outlined the work of the association. Among other things he suggested that the volunteers could call upon the society to investigate the cases of applicants before granting relief; they could talk to their friends about the work of the society; could bring church circles into co-operation with the society; could and hence the importance of the work of the poor, etc.

The meeting was then thrown open and questions asked and answered, a general informal conference being had in reference to the best methods of charity work. Several persons who were present volunteered to undertake special lines of work under the direction of the society.

The following orders have been issued by the District Commissioners:

That the time for completion of contract No. 2659 with the Toledo Bridge Company for constructing bridge over the Piney Branch, is hereby extended thirty days, that is, until January 15, 1900.

That horse fountain be erected on the east side of 17th street, south of E street, at an estimated cost of \$75, chargeable to appropriation for pumping expenses and pipe distribution, 1900.

That 450 feet of six-inch cast-iron water main be laid and two hydrants be erected in Half street between G and streets southwest, at an estimated cost of \$55.

That Michael B. Casey be licensed as a master plumber and gas fitter for one year under filing of proper bond.

AFFAIRS IN GEORGETOWN.

General News and Notes From the West End.

At the last regular meeting of George W. Morris Post, No. 19, Grand Army of the Republic, officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year as follows: Commander, E. H. Hanner; senior vice commander, M. B. Lichty; junior vice commander, R. E. Duvall; quartermaster, C. M. Robinson; chaplain, George W. Fletcher; surgeon, Dr. J. F. R. Appley; officer of the day, W. B. Sebastian; officer of the guard, G. W. Golden.

The following resolution, on motion of Junior Vice Department Commander A. B. Grunwell, was unanimously adopted: That the "several organizations of this department" have expressed their desire that Comrade C. M. Robinson of this post should receive the nomination for the ensuing year, and this post heartily recommends him for that position and will extend to him its support.

The transfer of a valuable business property was yesterday made, the property being located on 321 street, just north of A. Heenan and Chas. H. Demar, the owner, having a frontage on 321 street and runs to 1305 321 street, and this property, who operate a dairy business. The consideration is said to be \$8,000. The property has a frontage on 321 street and runs to an alley, being improved by a three-story store and dwelling.

The carriers of the Georgetown post office are complaining that at the different windows there is an exceedingly strong draught, which sweeps down the wide corridor. The location of storm doors before the windows would, it is thought, remedy the present difficulty. In cold weather the need of such a remedy is severely felt.

INSTALLATION OF PASTOR.

Program Sunday Evening at First Presbyterian Church.

The ceremony of installing the newly elected pastor of the First Presbyterian Church will take place next Sunday evening. In accordance with the usages of the Presbyterian form of government the presbytery of this city has charge of the service and the order of exercises must receive their official sanction.

The following program has been prepared, which has received the indorsement of the presbytery: Invocation, Rev. Dr. Gordon; in charge of devotional exercises and presiding in the constitutional questions, Rev. Dr. Easton; installation sermon, Rev. Dr. Talmage; charge to the pastor, Rev. Dr. Sunderburg; charge to the people, Rev. Dr. Alexander; installation prayer, Rev. Dr. Little; benediction, Rev. Donald C. McLeod.

The members of the presbytery thus assigned have signified their intention to be present and participate on the occasion.

Decree of Divorce Signed. A decree has been signed by Justice Barnard granting Amelia Frank Superior a divorce from Samuel Superior.

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MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL.

General and Personal News From Falls Church, Va.

Special Correspondence of The Evening Star.

FALLS CHURCH, Va., December 12, 1899.

A meeting of the town council was held at the council room last night, with Councilmen Ellison, Gould, Lynch, Hawhurst, Gibson and Smith present. Correspondence through Mr. E. Walton Moore, attorney, from Mr. J. E. Clements, attorney for the W. A. & F. C. R. R. Company, informing the council of the completion of the grading of 1st street, was received and filed, and Councilmen Ellison and Gould were appointed to examine all the work

on 1st street when completed and report to the council. On motion of Councilman the general fund to aid in rebuilding the board walk to the depot. Section 7 of the town ordinances was amended so as to prohibit the posting of signs and notices on the shade trees of the town.

The members of the Baptist Church held a pleasant social at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Northrup last night. A new lodge of Good Templars was organized at Accotink in this county last night by Rev. W. F. Sheppard, grand chief templar.

Ceremonies appropriate to the centennial anniversary of the death of George Washington will take place at the public school building Thursday, in charge of the principal, Prof. Heaton.